

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Deacon Perez - St. Andrew

ROLLCALL: All members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval April 8, 2014. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2014. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second Mrs. Barron. The motion was passed by a 7/0 voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Goralczyk questioned if the GO Bond have been sold. Mr. Spires stated it did get sold on Thursday and should be closed within the next few weeks.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Opening of omitted bid for the ADA curb ramp rehabilitation project. The meeting continued while Mr. Guernsey retrieved the unopened packet.

Ryan Construction, Merrillville, Indiana: \$37,428.90.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to have Cedric take the bid under advisement and second Mrs. Barron. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice call vote.

Mr. Pettit asked Mr. Lake about a guard rail for the drainage on Taft and 73rd avenue near Dairy Queen. Mr. Lake stated that there was no plan for a guard rail but they could put one. Mr. Pettit stated that that needs to be discussed with INdot because that is their road.

Mr. Pettit mentioned the 2014 Paving Projects- opening with in the next 30 days.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS: No report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Monday March 31, 2014 at 5:30 pm there will be an executive session for personnel.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Mr. Hardaway brought to attention recent playground equipment incidents on the news. Mr. Hardaway asked if the town is taking precautions. Mr. Spann stated that park equipment is inspected every year. Mr. Spann stated he would notify the Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Spires stated that he would send crews out the next morning to inspect all of the parks.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Approval of the extension of Waste Management contract. The contract will be effect from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2018. The senior discount will stay in effect. Waste Management will be doing a branch pick up as well. Mr. Goralczyk made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Spann. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

Mr. Lake provided updates regarding Stormwater: Stormwater received a notice of sufficiency from IDEM for rural 13 permit renewal; it's a five year permit. Drainage improvement plans for Southmoor Park are 100% complete; it will go out for bid later spring. April 3rd Stormwater had a workshop that was well attended. Next workshop will be in partnership with Lake County Surveyor Office on April 24th.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Miano displayed a poster given by an anonymous donor, Along the Way 100th Anniversary.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Approval of funding for the South Shore Rail extension in amount of twenty-two percent (22%) of the yearly CEDIT funds for a ten (10) year period. Mr. Goralczyk stated that this was a conflict of interest for him, and he is not for or against, he will have to abstain. Mr. Pettit stated that as president of RDC he arranged this. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Spann. The motion was approved by a 5/0 roll call vote, Mrs. Miano and Mr. Goralczyk abstained.

UTILITY LIAISON: No report.

TOWN GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANIZATION: No report.

ADA COMPLIANCES:

Mrs. Miano wanted to check to see if our restrooms are ADA compliant.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 14-09: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2014 budget within certain categories. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Hardaway. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES: No report.

RESOLUTIONS:

Res. 14-10: A resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, approving real property tax abatement on property located within an economic revitalization area. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Spann. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

Res. 14-11: A resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, approving real and personal property tax abatement on property located within an economic revitalization area. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Pettit. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

Mr. Pettit commented that Res. 14-10 and 14-11 are in regards to an existing business, First Image and the other is a new building in Ameriplex Crossroads.

Res. 14-12: A resolution of Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana, authorizing Town Attorney John P. Bushemi to execute deed and other instruments for sale of real estate. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Spann. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Award bid for the ADA curb ramp rehabilitation project.

Cedric reviewed the bid from Ryan's Construction, he stated they were the lowest bidder and the packet appears to be in order. Robinson Engineering made the recommendation to go with the low bidder. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Widing to accept the bid from Ryan Construction at the cost of \$ 37,428.90. The motion was approve by a 7/0 roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: All public comment is recorded on cassette tape and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Plan Commission Public meeting, April 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Resource Committee meeting, April 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Town Hall closed in observance of Good Friday, April 18, 2014

Town Council meeting, April 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Pantry On The Go, April 9, 2014 at American Legion at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Carol Miano- President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer